## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## ON STORM CLOSURES

**Inland Empire** — With impending winter storms Caltrans will make road closure information available to the public in an easy and timely manner. This information can be obtained in several ways:

- ✓ Call our Public Affairs office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (909) 383-4631. For evening or weekend closure information, an answering machine will be kept updated at the same number. Our Public Affairs staff will update after working hour information when they are notified of the closure.
- ✓ Go to our website at <a href="www.dot.ca.gov/dist8">www.dot.ca.gov/dist8</a> for updated press releases or "Storm Watch". These releases will be updated and released during working and non-working hours.
- ✓ Call (800) 427-ROAD (7623) for statewide road conditions. This toll-free number can now be accessed from the 702-area code in Nevada.
- ✓ Sign up for the "Storm Watch" and other mountain-related roadwork press releases by calling Terri Kasinga at (909) 383-6799 or through our website at <a href="https://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8">www.dot.ca.gov/dist8</a>. You will receive timely information via email regarding storm closures and roadwork on all San Bernardino and Riverside county <a href="https://state.nighways">state highways</a>.

Caltrans urges the public to prepare before traveling by checking road conditions, being aware of your surroundings when driving in inclement weather, reducing your speed and preparing for unusual conditions, which can take place in heavy storms.

And always – be prepared to **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE**.

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